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Technical examination of linen of the IIIrd Dynasty from Mêdûm. MIDGLEY, *Hist. St.* 37.

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On the occasion of the centenary of Lepsius' birth (June 29, 1811), Professor ERMAN pronounced a remarkable discourse before the Berlin Academy upon the scientific accomplishments of the scholar, showing the great place which he holds in the history of Egyptology, as having solidified the brilliant work of Champollion, having organised and led the Prussian expedition to Egypt, and having given to the world the cream of his labour in well-thought-out treatises. He was destitute of the usual enthusiasm of Egyptologists; his precise and logical mind preferred observing facts to wandering in the field of conjecture; this helps to explain amongst other things his abandonment of Egyptian philology. The diaries of the expedition show marvellous understanding of all that he saw, and although he failed to publish the text of the *Denkmäler*, his works remain of value even now, and are models of classification. In excavation, too, the work of the Prussian expedition, carried out largely by ERBKAM, is the true predecessor of modern scientific excavation. *Sitzb. Berl. Ac.* 1911, 706. The 48th volume of the *Zeitschrift für Aegyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde*, of which he was editor from its second to its twenty-second year, is dedicated to his memory; a fine portrait of him in his old age by his son, REINHARDT LEPSIUS, forms the frontispiece, and is followed by the Egyptological essays of twenty-eight contributors.

WIEDEMANN notes that *Champoléon* engraved on a proto-Doric column in the colonnade of Tethmosis III. at Karnak must belong to the decipherer, who sported with this form of name. WIEDEMANN, *P.S.B.A.* xxxiii. 170.

FOUCART reviews the *Œuvres de Chabas*, tome V., in the *Bibliothèque Égyptologique*, and criticises the inclusion of certain obsolete polemics having no relation to Egyptology. *Sphinx*, xiv. 198.

The Egyptological obituary includes the names of E. LEDRAIN, died 16 Feb. 1910, aged 66, who published several Egyptological works from 1878 to 1881 (S. R. in *Rev. Arch.* iv. ser. t. xvi. 152); A. RHONÉ, author of the popular *L'Égypte à Petites Journées*, and a great friend of MARIETTE, died 7 June, 1910, aged 74 (*ib.*); Ch. PALANQUE, late member of the French Institute at Cairo, died in France 9 Dec. 1910, aged 44 (*Bulletin* vii. 177); and lastly, of the veteran J. D. C. LIEBLEIN, whose *Dictionnaire des noms propres hieroglyphiques* has been a standard work of reference for

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